

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
AUGUST 4, 2024



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.” - Jn 6:32

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary's your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

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LOCATIONS

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:30AM - 12NOON - 1:00PM - 4:30PM

Closed for lunch from 12NOON - 1:00PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

(by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays)

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15-6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

NURSERY - Available during 8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS

Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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A Map of St. Mary's Campus can be found at:
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

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| ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY | July 28 | \$ 22,199 |
| ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR | July 28 | \$ 13,420 |
| TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET | | \$2,020,200 |

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

- Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible – Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple to sign up:
 1. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886.

The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

FORMED

FORMED has great programming for the entire family-kids, teens, and adults. It has movies, videos, Bible studies, audiobooks, and Ebooks.

OUR MOTHER MARY

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/our-mother-mary>

NOT ON FORMED? Go to www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then St. Mary Help of Christians.

IT'S CLOSE TO RENEWAL TIME for FORMED. If you have benefited from FORMED, please consider a donation to pay for this fabulous resource. Write FORMED on an envelope with a donation and put it in the Sunday basket. FORMED has movies, bible studies, children's material, audio, and more.

GIFT SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

We are closed, but The Magnificat for August and September is available in the parish office (\$6.00).

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

MY 55TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, I have been attending my 55th High School Reunion in Red Lake Falls, MN. It's so beautiful up here! It's been a while since I have been up here in the summer, and I am struck by the beauty of the crops this year. Everywhere there are vast fields of wheat, barley, potatoes, soybeans, sugar beets or corn, all in a lush shade of green or gold. The topsoil here in the Red River Valley is about six feet deep and the crops feast on that rich soil.

I must say that it's hard to believe that it's been 55 years since my graduation from Lafayette High, but it is true, nonetheless. We graduated with 72 in 1969, the largest class in our school's history at that point. Ten of our classmates have died and of the 62, about 30 showed up for the reunion. It was good to see many old friends, reminisce and tell some "war stories." It was also difficult to see several of my classmates suffering from severe illnesses or disease.

When God called me to be a priest, I was a Financial Advisor with a major New York Stock Exchange firm. My mission was to help people save money for retirement and manage their funds in retirement. I offered my clients CDs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and annuities. As an insurance agent, I was licensed with about eight different insurance companies to include John Hancock, Genworth, Protective Life, Hartford and other firms. As God was calling me to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, he let me know that I was going to be an "agent of reconciliation" for him.

During my reunion, I was able to talk with two classmates who are away from the Church due to invalid marriages. They went through a divorce and remarried without a Decree of Nullity from the Church. I was able to talk with them, explain the process for seeking a Decree of Nullity and invite them to reconcile with the Church, so they could receive all of the sacraments of the Church. I believe they listened to me and my prayer is that they will begin the process of reconciling with the Church.

So...how about you? Are you, in your own way and in your own fashion, serving as an "agent of reconciliation?" We still have many parishioners who have not returned from the COVID interruption. Are you inviting and welcoming them back to Church?

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" (Romans 10:15)

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar flowers for **July 28, 2024** donated by Babs and Joe DePalermo in memory of their daughter, Carolyn Dauphin.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

"Could you not keep watch for one hour?" Mk. 14:37

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

Jesus is ready to pour out His blessings on you in the chapel! We have an urgent need for an adorer on **Wednesday at 1PM**. If you would like to try this or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at:

<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact one of the Divisional Leaders:

MDNT.-6AM Tom Henry 803.642.6893 (no text)

6AM-Noon Ken Boucher 803.226.4639

Noon-6PM Janice Suhrer 803.645.6105

6PM-MDNT. Joan Pate 803.226.0263

LOOKING AHEAD

- Fr. Wilson will give a talk entitled *A Teaching Mass* on Saturday, **August 17** at 10:30AM in Old St. Mary's.
- Fr. Timothy Reid from St. Ann's in Charlotte will be speaking on Wednesday, **October 16** at 5:30PM.

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN

Ladies! *She Shall Be Called Woman* offers a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. The 9-session program will meet Wednesday evenings starting September 18th. For more information contact Kim Gaynor at kgaynor@charlestdiocese.org

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Wednesday, August 14
5:30PM - Vigil Mass in the church

Thursday, August 15
6:30AM in Old St. Mary church
8:20AM School Mass in the church
5:30PM in the church
7:00PM Mass in Spanish in the church

READINGS FOR AUGUST 4 – AUGUST 11

THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 BEGIN ON PAGE
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Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54
Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80,
95, 102 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9
Jn 12:24-26 ©LPi

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9
Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 4

8:30AM John Bartos
11:00AM Pro Populo
1:00PM Bishop Jacques
Fabre-Jeune (L)
5:00PM Phyllis Ann
Bennett

Monday, August 5

5:30PM Cathleen DeFrehn

Tuesday, August 6

5:30PM Anne Seifarth

Wednesday, August 7

8:20AM Dale
Whittingham
7:00PM Manuel Alvarez

Thursday, August 8

10:00AM Cumberland

Gary More (L)

5:30PM Jason Waters (L)

Friday, August 9

5:30PM Quirino Perrea

Saturday, August 10

8:00AM Edward & Jackie
Walsh

5:00PM Linda Carr

Susan Reeve Shultz

Casimir & Theresa

Kalista

Linda Wisinski

Scott Horner

Sunday, August 11

8:30AM Terry Aromi

11:00AM Robert O'Reilly

1:00PM Pro Populo

Pro Populo - For the People

5:00PM Phyllis Ann Bennett

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS: July 25 Vincent Thomas Perno
July 27 Stanley Przybysz

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS -- SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses. **We especially need volunteers for the 11:00AM Mass.** Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at riverhost.rs@gmail.com or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211
Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Closed On Fridays

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is **Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). *Please note:* Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlabone@charlestondiocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:
www.stmarys-aiken.org

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Sept. 7, 2024 – 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield

- Baptism preparation class must have been completed.
- All paperwork must be submitted to the office one month prior to the date of Baptism.

For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 803.649.4777

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA - The new acronym for the process to become Catholic (formerly RCIA) - starts on August 13th. We'll meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM through May 13, 2025. If you are interested in joining the Church or for more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org. Already Catholic? Perhaps invite a friend who has asked you about your faith, and attend together. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG
803.215.7040

Please register your children for the 24/25 school year.

*All registrations will be online.
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>
Classes begin September 8, 2024*



August 4 – Movie Night for LifeTeen

August 11 – **No** regular evening youth ministry

August 18 – Life Night

August 25 – First Middle School night of 24/25

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kyrie is the only Mass prayer that we still pray in Greek (the original language of the Mass). The first invocation is addressed to God the Father: Lord, have mercy. The second is addressed to the Son: Christ have mercy. The third is addressed to the Holy Spirit: Lord have mercy. At high Masses, each prayer is sung three times, reminding us of our union with the nine choirs of angels who are praising God even as we are begging for mercy. (from *Explanation of the Holy Mass* by Dom Prosper Gueranger, OSB)

TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD
AUGUST 6

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 4

| | | |
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| 8:30AM | Mass | Church |
| 11:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 1:00PM | Mass in Spanish | Church |
| 5:00PM | Mass | Church |

Monday, August 5

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|---------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 9:30AM | Prayer Shawl Ministry | Smith Hall |
| 12:00PM | Lunch & Learn | Bosco |
| 4:45PM | Confessions | Old St. Mary's |
| 5:30PM | Mass | Old St. Mary's |

Tuesday, August 6

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| 3:30PM | Legion of Mary | Smith Hall Down |
| 4:45PM | Confessions | Old St. Mary's |
| 5:30PM | Mass | Old St. Mary's |

Wednesday, August 7

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|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8:20AM | Daily Mass | Church |
| 2:30PM | Legion of Mary | Smith Hall Down |
| 6:15PM | Confessions | Old St. Mary's |
| 7:00PM | Mass in Spanish | Old St. Mary's |

Thursday, August 8

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|--------|-------------|--------------------|
| 4:45PM | Confessions | Old St. Mary's |
| 5:30PM | Mass | Old St. Mary's |
| 6:15PM | Movie Night | Mother Teresa Hall |

Friday, August 9

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|--------|-------------|----------------|
| 4:45PM | Confessions | Old St. Mary's |
| 5:30PM | Mass | Old St. Mary's |

Saturday, August 10

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|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00AM | Mass | Old St. Mary's |
| 9:00AM | Secular Franciscans | Mother Teresa Hall |
| 3:30PM | Confessions | Church |
| 5:00PM | Mass | Church |

Sunday, August 11

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 8:30AM | Mass | Church |
| 11:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 12:00PM | Hispanic Food Festival | St. Angela Hall |
| 1:00PM | Mass in Spanish | Church |
| 5:00PM | Mass | Church |

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



The Eucharist reveals the loving plan that guides all of salvation history (cf. Eph 1:10; 3:8- 11). There the Deus Trinitas, who is essentially love (cf. 1 Jn 4:7-8), becomes fully a part of our human condition. In the bread and wine under whose appearances Christ gives himself to us in the paschal meal (cf. Lk 22:14-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26), God's whole life encounters us and is sacramentally shared with us... At creation itself, man was called to have some share in God's breath of life (cf. Gen 2:7). But it is in Christ, dead and risen, and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, given without measure (cf. Jn 3:34), that we have become sharers of God's inmost life. (*Sacramentum Caritatis* 8, Pope Benedict)

PARISH PERKS!

Join us for coffee and fellowship after the Sunday 8:30AM Mass in St. Michael Hall

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Are you going through a rough time? Does it seem like you're all alone? St. Mary's has trained Stephen Ministers - women and men - who are here to help. A listening ear and someone to walk alongside you may be just what you need to regain your equilibrium - and joy. If you or someone you know is in need of support, Stephen Ministry can help. Leaflets are in the back of the church with more information about Stephen Ministry and simple instructions on how to initiate contact with us, or call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803-507-1060.

PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Save the date! St. Mary's will host a parish picnic on the parish campus, Sun., Oct. 13 from 12:30-3:30PM. The event will include free food, live music, opportunities to connect with fellow parishioners, and tours of our newly completed STEM Center.



Not connected yet? Want to add or change which groups/ministries you want to hear from or be a part of? Please text AIKEN to the short phone number 84576, or connect with us online at stmaryhelp.flocknote.com (you can text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time). You will receive messages only from those groups or ministries for which you sign up! Troubleshooting: If you've already signed up but are not receiving emails, please add mail@flocknote.com as a new contact so that Flocknote messages will be on your safe sender list and make it to your email inbox. Any questions, contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know of any ill or grieving person in need of a hand-made blanket or shawl, please contact St. Mary's at 803.649.4777. These are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our priests. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Mary Anne Graff at 803.642.6716. There are lots of materials available to use, so please come and join us.

AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00AM Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL
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 Mr. Matthew Kuhn, Interim Principal
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www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

First Day of School
Monday, August 12

SMS SPORTS

Did you know that SMS offers a wide variety of sports teams for students? Students in the 5th through 8th grades have the opportunity to participate in St. Mary's sports. Fall sports include volleyball, cross country, golf, and tennis. Winter sports include bowling, pickleball, basketball and cheerleading. Spring sports include soccer and track and field. St. Mary's competes in the highly competitive Augusta-Aiken Middle School League.

PARENTS OF 5th & 6th GRADERS

September 17 & 24 7:00 – 9:00PM

Plan to attend our *Changes and Challenges* program this fall. This program will help you and your child prepare for the changes and the challenges that your emerging teen will face. You can find more information here: <https://familyhonor.org/program-descriptions/>

DAY TRIP TO MILLEDGEVILLE

Southern Catholic author Flannery O'Connor is the subject of the recently released movie Wildcat. Plan to join our parish day-trip to Milledgeville, GA, to tour Andalusia (Flannery O'Connor's home), Sacred Heart Church (her church), her burial site, and more. Saturday, October 26th. For more information go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-50245896-daytrip#/> or contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Wednesday, August 21, Joseph Pearce will speak on *God's Love and Great Literature* at 11:00AM, and *A Call to Catholic Responsibility under a Hostile Government* at 5:30PM. Both talks will be in St. Angela Hall.

For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson, mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

MOVIE NIGHT, AUGUST 8th

"COOL RUNNINGS" RATED PG

Mother Teresa Hall Thursday, August 8
 Fellowship at 6:15PM Movie begins at 6:30PM
 Light refreshments, coffee and water with lemon will be provided.

BYOP - Bring your own pop and/or popcorn.

For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

You are invited to attend the Hispanic Food Bazaar (Kermes). Enjoy your favorite Mexican foods!

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

12:00 – 3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

Cost depends on the food selected.
 Please join us! We are waiting for you!

LEGION OF MARY

Having a true love for Mary and being a Catholic in good standing are the basic requirements for Legion of Mary membership. Currently in our parish we have 3 groups, each called a praesidium.

As legionaries we meet for prayer, planning and discussion. Then in pairs, we do two hours of definite work that can include, among other things, visiting the aged, bringing communion to the homebound, distributing rosaries, medals and Catholic literature. We also strive to be an extension of the heart and hands of our pastor.

If you are interested in working, "For Jesus through Mary," our own accomplished and dedicated legionary Ivy Monahan is ready to receive your call or text at 803.292.6432.

"You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God"

St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, Aug. 4

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

MI 55.^a REUNIÓN DE EX ALUMNOS DE LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Mientras escribo esto, he estado asistiendo a mi 55.^a reunión de ex alumnos de la escuela secundaria en Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. ¡Es tan hermoso aquí! Ha pasado un tiempo desde que estuve aquí en verano, y me sorprende la belleza de los cultivos de este año. Por todas partes hay vastos campos de trigo, cebada, patatas, soja, remolacha azucarera o maíz, todo en un exuberante tono verde o dorado. La capa superior del suelo aquí en el valle del río Rojo tiene unos seis pies de profundidad y los cultivos se alimentan de ese rico suelo.

Debo decir que es difícil creer que hayan pasado 55 años desde mi graduación de la escuela secundaria Lafayette, pero es cierto, no obstante. Nos graduamos con 72 en 1969, la clase más grande en la historia de nuestra escuela en ese momento. Diez de nuestros compañeros de clase han muerto y de los 62, unos 30 se presentaron a la reunión. Fue bueno ver a muchos viejos amigos, recordar y contar algunas "historias de guerra". También fue difícil ver a varios de mis compañeros de clase sufriendo enfermedades graves.

Cuando Dios me llamó a ser sacerdote, era asesor financiero en una importante empresa de la Bolsa de Valores de Nueva York. Mi misión era ayudar a las personas a ahorrar dinero para la jubilación y administrar sus fondos en la jubilación. Ofrecía a mis clientes CD, acciones, bonos, fondos mutuos y anualidades. Como agente de seguros, tenía licencia en aproximadamente ocho compañías de seguros diferentes, incluidas John Hancock, Genworth, Protective Life, Hartford y otras empresas. Cuando Dios me estaba llamando a compartir el sacerdocio de Jesucristo, me hizo saber que iba a ser un "agente de reconciliación" para él.

Durante mi reunión, pude hablar con dos compañeros de clase que están lejos de la Iglesia debido a matrimonios inválidos. Pasaron por un divorcio y se volvieron a casar sin un Decreto de Nulidad de la Iglesia. Pude hablar con ellos, explicarles el proceso para buscar un Decreto de Nulidad e invitarlos a reconciliarse con la Iglesia, para que puedan recibir todos los sacramentos de la Iglesia. Creo que me escucharon y mi oración es que comiencen el proceso de reconciliación con la Iglesia.

Entonces... ¿qué hay de ti? ¿Estás, a tu manera, sirviendo como un "agente de reconciliación"? Todavía tenemos muchos feligreses que no han

CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO →

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 4 DE AGOSTO COMIENZAN EN LA PAGINA 629 EN EL LIBRO "PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

DEL 4 DE AGOSTO AL 11 DE AGOSTO 2024

Domingo: Ex 16, 2-4. 12-15 Sal 77, 3-4. 23-25. 54
Ef 4, 17. 20-24 Jn 6, 24-35

Lunes: Jr 28, 1-17 Sal 118, 29. 43. 79. 80. 95.
102 Mt 14, 13-21

Martes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9
2 Pe 1, 16-19 Mc 9, 2-10

Miércoles: Jr 31, 1-7 Jr 31, 10-13
Mt 15, 21-28

Jueves: Jr 31, 31-34 Sal 50, 12-15. 18-19
Mt 16, 13-23

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HOMILÍAS DOMINICALES EN LÍNEA

Las reproducciones en audio de todas las homilías del fin de semana están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia. Vaya al sitio web de Santa Maria en www.stmarys-aiken.org. Desplácese hasta la parte inferior de la página de inicio y haga clic en "Listen to homilies."

QUINCEAÑERA

A los interesados en una celebración de XV años deben tener en cuenta lo siguiente:

- Deben ser católicos practicantes y asistir a Misa.
- Deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la celebración.
- Deben asistir a la preparación catequética que ofrece la parroquia. **Las próximas clases de preparación para quinceañera se llevarán a cabo 4, 11, y 18 de agosto**

Para registrar o más información, por favor comunicarse con Maria Hernandez al 803.522.3988

regresado de la interrupción de COVID. ¿Los estás invitando y dándoles la bienvenida a la Iglesia?

"¡Cuán hermosos son los pies de los que predicán buenas noticias!" (Romanos 10,15)

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Padre Wilson

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres deben asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 8 & 15 de septiembre.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Luz Londoño al 803.480.6865.

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles Sacramentos nos nutren y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como "la luz del mundo" (San Mateo 5,14). *Tenga en cuenta:* los padres y los niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María, asistir fielmente a misa los domingos y los días de precepto. Los niños que no están inscritos en nuestra escuela católica deben asistir a un mínimo de dos años de clases de formación cristiana y cumplir con la política de asistencia. Para más información contactarse con: Joan LaBone al jlabone@charlestandiocese.org o 803.215.7040.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370.

UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial www.stmarys-aiken.org

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

10 de agosto 2024 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

- Las clases de preparación para el bautismo deben haber sido completadas
- Toda la documentación deben presentarse en la oficina un mes antes de la fecha del bautismo.

Para obtener más información o si desea programar un bautismo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 802.649.4777

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Formación y Preparación para adultos que necesitan recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. Inicia el martes 20 de Agosto, 2024; a las 7:00PM, en el Salón Smith. Para registrarse y más información acudir con Omar Cardona, o Equipo de RICA.

Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad, como oportunidad de profundizar en nuestra Fe y Doctrina Católica.

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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Esté atento a la inscripción para el año escolar 24/25. Todas las inscripciones estarán en línea a partir del 1 de julio. <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>



4 de Agosto - Noche de películas para LifeTeen

11 de Agosto - No habrá ministerio vespertino para jóvenes

18 de Agosto - Noche de Lifeteen

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DOMINGO, 11 DE AGOSTO

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San Juan Vianney, patrón de los párrocos
4 de agosto

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 4 de agosto

| | | |
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| 8:30AM | Misa | Iglesia |
| 10:00AM | Quinceañera Preparacion | Smith Hall |
| 11:00AM | Misa | Iglesia |
| 11:00AM | Práctica del Coro | San Miguel |
| 1:00PM | Misa en español | Iglesia |
| 5:00PM | Misa | Iglesia |

Lunes, 5 de agosto

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|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 4:45PM | Confesiones | Iglesia Antigua |
| 5:30PM | Misa | Iglesia Antigua |
| 5:45PM | Legión de María | Smith Hall |
| 7:00PM | Pequeña Comunidad | Santa Teresa |

Martes, 6 de agosto

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|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| 4:45PM | Confesiones | Iglesia Antigua |
| 5:30PM | Misa | Iglesia Antigua |

Miércoles, 7 de agosto

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| 8:20AM | Misa | Iglesia |
| 6:15PM | Confesiones | Iglesia Antigua |
| 7:00PM | Misa en español | Iglesia Antigua |

Jueves, 8 de agosto

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|--------|------------------|-----------------|
| 4:45PM | Confesiones | Iglesia Antigua |
| 5:30PM | Misa | Iglesia Antigua |
| 7:30PM | Grupo de Oración | Iglesia Antigua |

Viernes, 9 de agosto

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|--------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 4:45PM | Confesiones | Iglesia Antigua |
| 5:30PM | Misa | Iglesia Antigua |
| 7:00PM | La Sagrada Familia | Smith Hall |

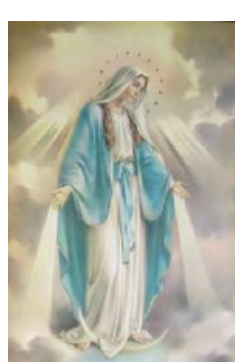
Sábado, 10 de agosto

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| 8:00AM | Misa | Iglesia Antigua |
| 3:30PM | Confesiones | Iglesia |
| 5:00PM | Misa Vigil Mass | Iglesia |

Domingo, 11 de agosto

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| 8:30AM | Misa | Iglesia |
| 10:00AM | Quinceañera Preparacion | Smith |
| 11:00AM | Misa | Iglesia |
| 11:00AM | Práctica del Coro | San Miguel |
| 12:00PM | Kermes | San Angela |
| 1:00PM | Misa en español | Iglesia |
| 5:00PM | Misa | Iglesia |

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS PARA LA FIESTA DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA



Miercoles, 14 de agosto
5:30PM - Misa vigilia -
en la iglesia
Jueves, 15 de agosto
6:30AM - en la iglesia antigua
8:20AM - Misa de la escuela -
en la iglesia
5:30PM - en la iglesia
7:00PM - Misa en espanol -
en la iglesia

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